

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana held June 7, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at the Jasper Arts Center with Vice President, Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent**: Jerry Gagne, Don Routson, Gloria Buecher and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Kit Miracle, Donna Schepers, Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: City Attorney, Sandy Hemmerlein, City Councilmen: Butch Schitter and Randy Buchta and Herald reporters Martha Rasche and Jason Ragan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Myra Schuetter moved, **Ann Hilgefort** seconded the approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2005 board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

City Financial Statement

Sylvia Metzger moved to approve the financial statement. **Ann Hilgefort** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$30,757.59 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$2,509.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Sylvia Metzger** to accept the claims as presented. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Business

Martha Rasche, City Editor of the Dubois County Herald, reported on the Herald's policies regarding their reporters attending city meetings. The editors look over the agenda and decide whether to attend the meetings or not. They also get articles from talking with the staff. Martha also advised the Herald has been putting JCAC articles in different sections of the paper to make sure everyone will see the needed information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- May and June were very busy months.
- The Elisa Boughner exhibit was outstanding. One piece of art was sold as well as several packages of her note cards.
- John Bower Photography Exhibit is now in the gallery. His slide show was Sunday, June 5. A couple of his pieces have already sold.
- There are 8 summer art classes this summer; this is doubled from last year.
- The art space has been renovated. It includes new lighting and furniture and cabinets from the old Jasper Middle School.
- Patoka Valley Quilters will start their exhibit next month. They will be on display for two months.
- The Art Guild stated they were pleased with their exhibit at the train depot during the Chalk Walk.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Donna and Darla went to the Kennedy Center Partners-In-Education training in May along with school officials Nancy Habig and Larry Riggs. The team received 45 hours of training. Upon return, Dr. Riggs assisted with a school system wide teachers survey. The school corporation will assist with payment for the workshops and will pay for substitute teachers so that classroom teachers can attend the workshops.

- A Teacher In-service will be held on November 9 with an artist serving as keynote speaker. Upcoming workshops will also be announced at the In-service.
- The programs for the 2005/2006 Education Series have been set. **Sylvia Metzger** moved to approve the 2005/2006 Education Series. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Buldings & Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- Doreen thanked all the people who helped hang up the new stage drapery. Ann Hilgefort, Butch Schitter and the stage crew assisted.
- The custodial staff along with 3 people from the Power Plant, 1 person from the Park and Rec Department helped get the satellite classrooms ready.
- Discussion was held regarding the old Mac computer in Doreen's office. The city has advised that the JCAC can either junk it or trade it in. **Ann Hilgefort** moved to declare the computer surplus of no value and be traded in to the installer. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Discussion was also held on what to do with the old stage drapery. **Ann Hilgefort** moved to declare it of no value. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Doreen received 2 of the 3 requested estimates regarding the price on painting the south side of the building. The estimates were for \$1,889 from KWK Enterprises and \$1,400 from Best for Less. **Don Weisheit** moved to approve the low bid. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- Requested that the grant applications for financial year 2006 be approved. Sixteen applications were received. Fifteen were reviewed. Fourteen are eligible for funding. The formula used was given by the Indiana Arts Commisison. There is \$28,782 available through the IAC Regional Partnership. All six Region 11 counties are represented through the grants; each county also had representation on the review board. **Myra Schuetter** moved to approve the grant applications. **Robin Norris** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Jill distributed the JCAC's granting figures for the next biennium from the Indiana Arts Commission. The figures include Arts Development Services funds, Regional Block Grants funds and Community Arts Programs funds. She provided a comparision with the other 11 Regional Partners. Overall, the JCAC will receive a slight increase across the 3 categories.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- The season guide will be sent to the printer by July 1st.
- The box office software has been installed. It will be tested next week for Missoula Children's Theatre's *Jungle Book* performances. Its first official use will be to sell this year's season tickets.
- There may be some changes to the Backstage line up for next year.
- Chalk Walk was a big success, mainly due to the work of all the volunteers. There were 300 people registered. Approximately 2,000 people attended. Twelve vendors sold artwork.
- Volunteer hours from October 2004 thru May 2005 are at 1,800 hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Darla reported.

- Friends of the Arts wants JCAC to give them a list of what is requested for a building expansion. FOA would like the most pressing needs listed. After some discussion as to the most pressing needs, it was decided to schedule a luncheon meeting with a few

representatives from each organization to discuss the matter. Doug Abbett, Sylvia Metzger, Ann Hilgefert, Mike Jones and Myra Schuetter volunteered for the JCAC. Darla will make the arrangements.

Adjournment

Ann Hilgefert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm, **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 7-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday July 5, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

Gerald Gagne, President

Don Routson, Secretary-Treasurer